

Monday, November 3. 1707.

London, November 3.

*The Conclusion of the Report of the Committee of the House of Commons of Ireland, concerning Putland and Nuttall, Officers of the Treasury of that Kingdom.*

**B**enjamin Taylor being again produc'd, said; there remained due to him, and Partners, over and above Deductions, on Colonel Gorg's Warrant afore-said, Two thousand seven hundred and eighty-two pounds nine shillings and ten pence; of which they Received from Mr. Nuttall only Two thousand two hundred and twenty two pounds nine shillings and ten pence; and allow'd him the remainder for Advance, being Five hundred and sixty pounds, which is four shillings and eight pence per Pound. That they owing Mr. Nuttall Money, he was uneasy; and forc'd them to Assign the said Warrant: And that there were ten Months due when they Assign'd. That Mr. Nuttall told them, Brigadier Gorge had Enter'd a Caveat. That they afterwards Assign'd Mr. Nuttall a three Months Warrant, which Examinant has heard, is not all yet paid. Said further, that 768 l. 17 s. 2 d. was due to them on a Clothing Warrant of Lord Windsor's; of which they receiv'd only 633 l. 12 s. And allow'd Mr. Nuttall the remainder for Advance, being 135 l. odd Money, which is 3 s. 6 d. per pound: And that all the Money was then due, except for about six Months. Said they had Lord Mohun's Clothing Warrant for 428 l. of which they receiv'd only 349 l. 19 s. and paid the Remainder for Advance to Mr. Nuttall, being 78 l. 1 s. which is 3 s. 8 d. per Pound.

Said further, That they Assign'd Col Piers's Clothing Warrant to Captain Pratt; who paid them only 2140 l. And that they allow'd him the Remainder for Advance, being 692 l. 9 s. 10 d. which is 4 s. 10 d. per Pound; that five Months of the Warrant was expir'd at the time of the Assignment. That this Warrant was nor Lodg'd in the Treasury.

Being cross Examin'd, said; That the Agreement with Mr. Pratt, was Voluntary. That he was not at that time concern'd in the Treasury; and that he paid them the Money at once; and said, That Regiments Clothing is always paid for.

George Rowe being produc'd by the Petitioners, said; That he being a Shooe-maker, had been employ'd by the Clothiers to make Shooes for Regiments, and that they owe him 500 l. He has greater Loss by their Failing, than the Debt. That he us'd to Employ 20, 40, 60 80, and sometimes 100 Men at Work: That the Clothiers gave him an Assignment on the Treasury for 242 l. 8 s. And he apply'd to Mr. Putland to Discount it; who told him, he would in Case he would give him as much as Mr. Palin had done, or in case he would allow him the odd 42 l. 8 s. which the Examinant refus'd to do; and borrow'd Money from Dr. Hall and other Persons. That the Clothiers gave him Bills to England, which he Protested; there being in the mean time an account of their Breaking.

Richard Mac-Guire being produc'd by the Petitioners, said; he us'd to keep about 100 People at Work, and many Families depended on them. That he had 800 l. due to him from the Clothiers; and they gave him Bills for England, which were Assign'd before. That he has fallen in his Trade by the Clothiers Breaking. That when the Petitioners were preferring their Petition to this Honourable House, Mr. Pratt desir'd that the Petition might not be Read; but that they would meet Mr. Putland, which they accordingly did: And Mr. Putland said, If Mr. Nuttall had not unhappily discover'd the 300 l. which he sent the Clothiers, it would not have been known to the World. And Mr. Putland told him, he never took more than 2 s. 6 d. per Pound, and that too for Advancing whole Warrants. That 660 l. odd pounds is still due to the Examinant from the Clothiers.

John Throckes Stocken-Weaver, said, that he us'd to Employ 3 or 400 Families. That the Clothiers owe him 146 l. That he and other Families have suffer'd much by want of their Money. That he must have left the Town upon the Clothiers Breaking, if a Gentleman had not lent him 30 Pistols; and that this Loss has made him unable to carry on his Business as before.

William Carr being produc'd, said; he had two Assignments from the Clothiers on the Treasury, One for 200 l. for which he paid 5 l. the other for 44 l. for nine Servants to Officers. That Mr. Putland told him, there were but three Servants, and gave him but 14 l. and stop't 6 d. a Pound for that. That he

went last August to Mr. Putland, when the Petition was Preferring to this Honourable House; and Mr. Putland told him, he had found out 14 l. more to be due to him, which he paid him, without stopping the 6 d. per Pound, but still detains the remainder of the 44 l. And the Examinant hath Charg'd the same to the Clothiers Account.

Benjamin Taylor being produc'd, own'd that he and his Partners, Seal'd the Articles produc'd unto him, Dated the 15th of December, 1703.

Mr. Robert Cheatham being produc'd on behalf of Mr. Putland and Mr. Nuttall, said; That it had been always his Practice, and he believ'd the practice of other Clothiers in this City, at the time of Contracting with the Colonels, to have a regard to the Country Exchange, Pells, &c. That he understood the Queen's Letter Order'd Payments to be postpon'd Six Months; and he waited the Six Months; and at the Months End following, he went and receiv'd his Money: He never demanded Exchequer Acquitrances: thinking it as much his Advantage to allow the Exchange, and take his Money in Town. And so paid Six pence per Pound for all he receiv'd. It has been practiced before his time to pay the Exchange, but knows not by what Authority it is Receiv'd.

Having drawn Bills on the Treasury; and given them Trouble, he gave them Rewards for their trouble. If the Money was due, he gave them no Gratuity; if he broke in upon Months before they were due, he gave them a gratuity for it; but never gave more than 6 d. per pound, over and above Exchange; It wanted about a Month, six Weeks, or two Months of due, when he gave the 6 d. per pound. That the Treasury never demanded any thing from him, over and above the Country Exchange. But what he gave them was in gratitude on his own accord. Own'd he had stopp'd 6 d. in the pound from Mr. Daniel of the price he agreed with him for: because he could have bought the same Goods in other places 4 s. in the pound cheaper than from Daniel. Said, he kept a Woollen Manufacture-Shop, and dealt with Mr. Mac-Guire; but does not remember he demanded any Allowance from him, on account of any Allowance at Treasury. Said, he drew Notes on Mr. Nuttall, and Accounted with him, and made him Presents not exceeding 6 d. per pound for his trouble. Said, he did not know that any other Persons Exact'd more than a reasonable price for Goods but only Daniel. And said, he had not stop't 6 d. from any but Daniel. Said, that Alderman Barlow is his Partner; and that none in the Treasury are concern'd with him, but own'd he had heard that Mr. Pratt and Mr. Kean were concern'd together in Clothing.

Mr. William Carr being produc'd, in order to Confront Mr. Cheatham's Testimony, said, That he had Sold Mr. Cheatham 27 Pieces of Cloth for Lord Henry Scots Regiment, at Three Months Trust, but was not paid till Ten Months; and then Mr. Cheatham insisted on 12 d. per Pound Abatement, telling the Examinant, That he, the said Cheatham, was forced to Allow so much at the Treasury, and that they would have it; but the Examinant refus'd to Allow so much, yet was oblig'd, and did Allow a Pistol to Mr. Cheatham.

Mr. Mac-Guire, being produc'd to the same purpose, said, he had Sold Mr. Cheatham several sorts of Goods for Clothing the Army. And that Cheatham said, he Allowed the Treasury 6 d. per Pound for Exchange, and demanded it from the Examinant; which he Allowed Once or Twice; but his Profit being small, he did not do it afterwards.

Mr. Richard Nuttall Brother to Mr. Joseph Nuttall, being Examined, said, he was Privy to the Clothiers going off, and drew Bills of Sale for them. And Endeavour'd to perswade Taylor to make some Provision for his Family. But Taylor was Angry thereat, and swore he would deliver all to his Creditors, and not keep one Farthing from them. Said, that some time afterwards he met Taylor, who told him he had made a sufficient Provision for his Family, and desired leave to make use of his the Examinant's Name, which he refused; telling Taylor he might be made a party in Chancery. And said he had since heard, that Taylor had secur'd 250 l. a Year. And the Examinant said, he told this to Dugan two Years ago.

All the aforesaid Clothing Warrants (except the Lord Mohun's) and also, all the aforesaid Notes, Bonds, and Warrants, and Articles were produc'd to your Committee. And are with this Report humbly laid before the House.

Mr.



Mr. Joseph Nuttal was heard what he could say in his own defence; and referred himself, as to his Character, to your Worthy Members, Mr. Fowns, Alderman Burton, Mr. Bell, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Dawson, and Mr. Carter.

After the Council were withdrawn, your Committee, proceeded to hear the Testimony of your Worthy Members referred to: who all being in the House, I do not take upon me to Report their Evidence, but Refer to themselves. And then your Committee came to the following Resolutions: VVhich they have directed me to Report; viz.

1. Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitioners have fully proved the Allegations in the Petition, to the Satisfaction of the Committee.

2. Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Mr. Thomas Putland, an under Officer of the Treasury; has unjustly taken, and illegally Extorted great Sums of Money, upon pretence of Prompt Payment, of Money Payable by the Treasury, upon several Clothing VVarrants: And that such Practices tend to the prejudice of Her Majesties Service, the great Decay of Trade, and the Ruin of many poor Families in this Kingdom.

3. Resolved, That is the Opinion of this Committee That M. Joseph Nuttal, Clerk to Mr. Putland, has unjustly taken, and illegally Extorted several Sums of Money, upon pretence of Prompt Payment, of Money Payable by the Treasury, upon several Clothing VVarrants: And that such practices tend to the Prejudice of Her Majesties Service, the great decay of Trade, and the Ruin of many poor Families in this Kingdom.

4. Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that over and above the Præmiums taken for Advancing Money out of the Treasury; further Exactions have been made by the said Putland and Nutal, as a Præmium for the first Præmium.

5. Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Præmiums, taken for Discounts of such VVarrants, by the said Putland and Nuttal, is a breach of the Trust reposed in them, and a high Misdemeanor.

6. Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it is highly Prejudicial to Her Majesties Service, and a great Detriment to the Trade of the Nation, That any Officer, Clerk or other Persons Employed in the Treasury, or any Person in Trust for them, be Agent to any Regiment, or be any way concern'd in Clothing the Army; as Undertakers, Part'ners or otherwise, or discounting any VVarrants drawn on the Treasury, or taking any Fee or Reward for Converting any Exchequer Acquittance into Money, or Money for Advance, or dealing in Merchandize..

7. Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Thomas Putland, having Notoriously betrayed the Trust in him reposed; is unfit to serve in any Publick Employment in this Kingdom.

To which Resolutions the Question being severally put, the House did Agree.

**DUBLIN.** The 24th of October, the Speaker of the House of Commons of this Kingdom, made the following Speech to his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

May it please Your Excellency,

**T**HE Commons, with extreme Satisfaction, present Themselves before Your Excellency, to make a publick and grateful Acknowledgement of the Great Blessings they Enjoy under Her MAJESTY's most Auspicious Reign; of which they count it not the least, to have Unanimity and Unity, in Love and Affection among Themselves, so earnestly Recommended and Inculcated from the Throne.

Her Majesty's consummate VVisdom Convinces Her, that no People ever was or can be Happy without it: And Her Goodness toward Her Loyal Subjects of this Kingdom, hath set over it a Person, who by a peculiar happiness of Temper, and the healing Influence of his own Example, is most likely to bring so desirable a VVork to perfection.

How great are the Obligations this Nation lyes under to their Gracious Sovereign, who at a time when Affairs of the last Importance and Difficulty, are in Agitation in another Kingdom, Vouchsafes (for the Good of this) to deprive Her Self of Your Excellency's Advice and Attendance in Council, where, with Universal Satisfaction and Applause you happily preside?

May Your Excellency's Administration here redound as much to Your Honour; may it create as many Admirers of Your Indefatigable Application of Mind; VVise Conduct, and VVatchfulness for the Good of the Publick, as your successful Negotiations in Foreign Parts, and faithful Discharge of all other weighty and Honourable Trusts, have already done.

This the whole Kingdom heartily wish; and assuredly promise themselves.

And I beg leave to say, That as it is of great Benefit to the Publick, that the Commons have been able to Detect and Redress several of the Grievances, under which Multitudes have Suffer'd, by Exorbitant Deductions out of Payments made by Under-Officers in the Treasury. So it is for the Honour of your Excellency's Government, that a Practice so pernicious, and so long used, hath been brought to Light, and Remedied under your Excellency's Administration.

May it please your Excellency.

The Commons have cheerfully, and Unanimously Granted an Aid to Her Majesty, by Passing a Bill, Entituled, An Act for Granting to Her Majesty an Additional Duty on Beer, Ale, Strong-VVaters, Callicoes, Linnens, Muslins, and other Goods and Merchandizes.

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Whereas all the Aldermen of London (that are Justices of the Peace) are by the Government thought necessary to do the Justice of the City, and 'tis well known that at least half of them are generally out of Town. And the Lord Mayor by his Duty being bound to reside in London, and not to lye out of it without special Leave from the Government, he ought to supply by his constant Attendance the Defects of his Brethren, and he being the chief Magistrate, most Business is brought before him; there being one of the Four Attorneys appointed to attend the Lord Mayor Weekly for that purpose; therefore it is thought by many hundred considerable Citizens that Sir John Buckworth Baroner, Citizen and Fishmonger of London, a Gentleman of unquestionable Loyalty and Ability, is the most proper Person to be Elected to serve this City in Parliament in the Room of Sir Robert Clayton deceased.

N. B. That the Advertisements publish'd by the Friends of Sir John Buckworth in favour of his Election, are all undoubtedly true notwithstanding any publick or private insinuations to the contrary.

**A**T the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Monday, being the 3d of November, will be Acted a Comedy, call'd, The Reform'd Wife, or, The Sickly Lady. With a Mimick Entertainment of dancing in Imitation of Mademoiselle and her dancing-dogs, viz. Miss, Serviteur, Beau, Peasant, Scaramouch, Harlequin. To be perform'd by Masters. With Entertainments of singing. And dancing by Monsieur Leguard and his Scholar.

Never Acted but once.

By her Majesty's Company of Comedians.

**A**T the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, this present Monday, being the 3d of November, will be presented a new Comedy call'd, The Double Gallant, or, The Sick Lady's Cure. The Principal parts Acted by Mr. VVilks, Mr. Cibber, Mr. Booth, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Bullock, Mr. Norris, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Pack, Mrs. Oldfield, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Croft, and Mrs. Bradshaw.

On Thursday the 30th of October, about 3 of the Clock in the Morning, some Persons broke into a Cellar of a House in Stoke-Newington in Middlesex, and Stole thence a Tea-Cannister matted, weight 8 Ounces 9 Pennyweight, a Shield chas'd on one side grav'd with 2 Coats, viz. a Lion Rampant within a Border, and 6 Scollop Shells, 3, 2, and 1; a dozen of large Tea-Spoons gilt, a Child's Milk-Pan, weight 5 Ounces 17 Pennyweight, with a Wooden Handle not grav'd; 3 plain Spoons, weight about 7 Ounces, grav'd with a demy Lion Rampant on a Wreath holding an Anulet; a Pair of Silver Spurs grav'd, the inside with Samuel Smithin, London. If any Person discovers the Offenders, so as they be secured, and gives Notice to John Howse in Abchurch Lane against Pontack's, shall receive for a Reward the full value of the Plate stopt.

Stolen on Saturday the 1st Instant at Night, out of the Shop Window of Mr. John Harison at the Castle in Fleet-street, 14 Pound weight, more or less, of Orange-colour Thread course, not quite dressed. If offer'd to be Pawn'd or Sold you are desir'd to stop both Goods and Party, and send to the above-mention'd, and you shall receive a reasonable Reward.

On Thursday the 6th of November 1707, will be Expos'd to Sale at Lloyd's Coffee-house in Lombard-street, beginning at 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon precisely, 40 Hogheads of new French Clarets, and 38 Pipes and 1 Hoghead of Red Wine. The French Wine to be seen in a Cellar in Galley-Key Gate-way, and the Red Wine in a Vault at the Lower-end of Tower-street against the Bull-Head Tavern, till the time of Sale, from 8 to 12, and from 4 till 6. The same day, at the same Place and Time, will be Sold 27 Pipes of new Galicia Wine, an entire Parcel. To be seen in a Cellar in Mark-Lane under a Barbers, the same Days and Hours as the aforementioned. All sold by JOHN STYLES, Sworn Broker.

At the Black-Bov Coffee-House in Avv-Mary-Lane near Ludgate-street, this present Monday the 3d of November, at 4 in the Evening, will continue the Sale of a very valuable Collection of Books in most Languages and Faculties, neatly bound, the Stock of Mr. Walter Kettibby, and the Libraries of a Learned Divine and Eminent Physician. Note, The 2d Division of the Latin Folio's will begin this Evening. Catalogues may be had at the Place of Sale.

A Catalogue of Choice English Books in all Faculties, neatly Bound, many of them gilt on the Back, being part of a Library of a Gentleman lately deceased, which will be Sold by Auction at Mr. Grigsby's Coffee-house in Threadneedle-street behind the Royal Exchange, to Morrow the 4th of this Instant November 1707, from 4 till 9 in the Evening, and will be continued daily till all are Sold. By Robert Terry, Bookseller. Catalogues given at Mr. Brown's near Temple-Bar, Mr. Baker's in Mercer's-Chappel, Mr. Harrison's at the Corner of Castle-Alley in Cornhill, Bookellers; and at the Place of Sale.